

Event Information for

# Becoming a Church of Closeness: The Challenges & Opportunities of Synodality

We've created this document to provide you with promotional and logistical information to help make your gathering a success.

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# Promotional Copy

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These are event descriptions that you can use to promote your event on your website, email newsletters, church bulletins, and social media among other channels. Feel free to fill in your specific details and revise as needed.

## For **IN-PERSON** discussion groups

Catholics around the world want to respond to Pope Francis' vision of becoming a "Church of closeness." But without a clear understanding of what it means, many are unsure how this might look like in a parish.

What does Pope Francis mean when calling the Church to become a *Church of closeness*? What is synodality? What are the challenges and opportunities it presents for a parish living out its evangelizing mission?

Join us for an in-person discussion featuring a conversation with Fr. James Mallon, Sr. Nathalie Becquart, and Dr. Hannah Vaughan-Spruce on **Becoming a Church of Closeness: The Challenges and Opportunities of Synodality**. This will be held at \_\_\_\_\_ <venue location> on \_\_\_\_\_ <day, date> at \_\_\_\_\_ <local time>.

There will be an opportunity to share reflections and ideas among the group following the livestreamed event. *\*If registering is necessary, add this portion:\** To sign up and join us in-person, please register at \_\_\_\_\_ <registration link>. We look forward to seeing you at our discussion as we talk about this important topic in the Church today.

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## For **ONLINE** discussion groups

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What does Pope Francis mean when calling the Church to become a *Church of closeness*? What is synodality? What are the challenges and opportunities it presents for a parish living out its evangelizing mission?

Join us for an online discussion featuring a conversation with Fr. James Mallon, Sr. Nathalie Becquart, and Dr. Hannah Vaughan-Spruce on **Becoming a Church of Closeness: The Challenges and Opportunities of Synodality**. This will be held on \_\_\_\_\_ <day, date> at \_\_\_\_\_ <local time>.

Here's how you can join: 1) sign up as an individual participant at [divinerenovation.org/events](https://divinerenovation.org/events), 2) Attend the event using the link emailed to you, and 3) Immediately following the event, join our Zoom group discussion at \_\_\_\_\_ <Zoom link for discussion group>.

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## YouTube link to event recording

For post-event discussion groups, you can use this link to view the event recording:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85oz4Fr-f5U>

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# Graphics and Posters

In this package, you will find graphics and a poster you can use to promote your discussion group gathering.

Horizontal graphics can be used for newsletters, email banners, and Twitter posts, while square graphics can be used for Facebook and Instagram posts.

The poster is an A4-sized PDF with a fillable portion where you can type in the specific details of your discussion group (e.g. venue, date, time, etc.) before printing.

## Are you a Canva user?

If you're a Canva user, you can use these templates to create your own customized graphics:

**Square images** (for Facebook and Instagram): [Canva Template Link](#)

**Horizontal images** (for Twitter and newsletter headers): [Canva Template Link](#)

**A4-sized poster**: [Canva Template Link](#)

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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